

HEAD OF GREATEST RAILWAY SYSTEM IN WORLD IS HERE

JUDGE LOVETT A MAN OF FORCE

Is a Man of Character and Power; an Example of Energy and Ambition.

HONORED NATIVE SON OF TEXAS

Meets Old Friends in El Paso and Smiles at Red Tie Picture in The Herald.

By N. M. Walker.

El Paso entertained a distinguished Texan over night—Judge Robert Scott Lovett, once farmer boy, station agent, lawyer, corporation counsel, and now president of the board of directors of the Harriman interests and successor to the late E. H. Harriman.

There is nothing of the railroad wizard about Judge Lovett as there was about E. H. Harriman. No secretaries preceded him and there were no flunkies to be seen before the distinguished Texan could be reached. Wearing a dark business suit and a stiff hat, Judge Lovett swung through the doors of the St. Regis, where he spent the night, apparently as care free as a traveling salesman who had just sold a bill of fall goods.

"I am not saying anything on my present trip for publication because I have nothing to say," Judge Lovett said as he shook hands with a small crowd of personal friends of his former days in east Texas. "I am going with my party to Mazatlan on the west coast line of the Southern Pacific line in Mexico and I will be in the west and southwest for about three weeks, during which time I will visit the lines of the Southern Pacific company in this part of the country. Then I will return to New York."

Tant Pennsylvania Story.

Judge Lovett was shown a press dispatch in The Herald, bearing a San Francisco date line, which stated that the Call said the Pennsylvania line was seeking a Pacific coast port by way of the Santa Fe, having taken over the holdings of the Harriman interests in the Santa Fe.

"If there was anything to it I would not say anything about it for publication," the head of the Harriman lines said, after he had read the dispatch. Epps Randolph, vice president of the Arizona Eastern, the consolidated roads formerly known as "the Randolph lines," stated that he did not think there was anything to such a report.

At the St. Regis, Judge Lovett received a number of his old friends and while practicing before the San Antonio, Austin and Houston courts. Judge Frank G. Morris, before whom Judge Lovett appeared a number of times at Austin, when Judge Morris was on the bench there, was present when Judge Lovett arrived from the union station, where his special train was parked.

Judge Morris: The Herald Picture.

"Well, Judge Morris—how do you and how are you? So you are located out here in west Texas are you? You are looking fine."

While Julius Kruttschnitt, vice president of the Harriman lines, under Judge Lovett, arranged about the rooms for the jurist and the remainder of the party, Judge Lovett chatted with his friends in the lobby of the hotel.

He was shown a copy of The Herald with the red cravat showing playfully on the shirt front of the likeness of himself. A broad smile, which completely engulfed the stern lines around the judge's mouth, spread over his face, and he laughed as he showed the result of the stereotypist's blunder to vice president Kruttschnitt. When told that

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REDHOT LAVA FLOWS OVER ITALIAN TOWNS

Pouring Into Wells, It Causes Tremendous Explosions; Rolling Down Mountains, It Sweeps Away Homes of Peasants; Sending Up Hot Steam, It Suffocates the Frightened Populace.

Catania, Sicily, March 25.—The official report on the volcanic disturbance in the Mount Etna district, whole confirming the gravity of the situation, holds out hope that the worst is over.

But conditions are sufficiently bad. Four streams of lava from new craters have united at the foot of Mount Castelazzo and formed a great river that is bringing death and destruction to the lavated districts.

This morning the lava in the river had extended nine miles from its source. Thousands of people in the path of the advancing flood have abandoned their homes.

The roaring of Mount Etna continued without interruption today and a rain of cinders fell for miles around.

The Explosions Heard.

At many homes lava river invaded districts and caused destructive explosions. Troops have been ordered to the vicinity and volunteers from neighboring villages have come to aid the distressed.

King Victor Emmanuel has signified his intention of going personally to the scene of the eruption and work to relieve the distress.

After reaching the valley, the lava flow widened but diminished in velocity and this afternoon the eruptions apparently were decreasing in violence.

From Catania, a correspondent motorized in the direction of the mountain beyond the village of Mascali, twelve miles in a direct line from the crater, a thick curtain of smoke was encountered which entirely concealed Etna.

Entire Population Gathers.

At Nicolosi, 10 miles from the crater, the entire population had gathered in the square to watch the volcano, which appeared as a black phantom above.

Now and then it was illuminated with flashes of light appearing almost red. Higher up the rain of cinders became thicker and extended like a veil across the mountain. A deep roaring was heard and detonations like the sound of artillery followed one another in quick succession while the earth shook under foot.

Hot Cinders and Lava.

The hot cinders, covered the ground like a thick carpet rendering walking difficult.

A peasant was encountered coming down. He said:

"The fire is rushing down, burning everything. The lava is like a red hot river."

Proceeding a little further, four colossal columns of black smoke could be observed. Occasionally they were cut by flames of fire, presenting an awe-inspiring spectacle. Then the wind opened the clouds for a moment and a wide strip of fire could be seen in the distance advancing with monstrous conformation. It fell like a torrent from Mount Capriolo, spreading out in the valley below.

Many Houses Buried.

The lava flow had already reached the vineyard seven miles from the crater, and had buried many peasant houses. It came in several streams and united in one great mass about 20 feet high and 1500 feet wide. Its velocity was estimated at three to four feet a minute, varying according to the condition of the ground. This mighty wall of lava was yesterday not more than five miles from Belpanaso and Nicolosi.

The meteorological station on the mountain side has been destroyed and the village of Borrello is in serious danger.

SOUTHWESTERN SURVEYING TO TUCSON AND PHOENIX

The Southwestern railroad may extend to Tucson and Phoenix. Under a Phoenix date line, a dispatch states that Walter Douglas, general manager of the Phelps-Dodge interests in the southwest, had announced the probability that the El Paso & Southwestern would build from southern Arizona to Phoenix.

SIMMONS ADMITS SURVEY.

"The company is making surveys out of Hereford to Tucson," H. J. Simmons, general manager of the El Paso & Southwestern railroad, said today. "It is also making surveys from Tucson to Phoenix, but everything is tentative. The surveys are simply for the purpose of exploring the country and getting its possibilities. Understand that these are not proposed lines but nothing more than field exploring surveys. As for the reported extension of the line to Globe, there is no idea of going to Globe."

The reason for starting the surveys from Hereford, as explained by general manager Simmons, was that it is thought a better approach to Tucson could be had by way of Fairbanks than by Benson.

In the Arizona Republican an interview with Walter Douglas is quoted as follows:

"There has been absolutely nothing definite determined in regard to the proposed extension of the El Paso & Southwestern. I am here simply to look over the ground. The building of the road will depend entirely on the amount of business that can be obtained. It is still a question whether or not the business that could be obtained in Phoenix would justify the extension of the road."

MORE INDICTMENTS ON GRAFT CHARGE

Pittsburg's Cleanup Program Is Being Given an Impetus.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 25.—The graft investigating grand jury returned three important indictments today. The men named are William Brand, Hugh Ferguson and Charles Stewart, all former members of the city councils.

Accompanying the bills the grand jury handed down a lengthy statement covering graft exposure. This statement, it is said, contains the names of everyone so far connected with the anti-graft crusade and lays bare the entire circumstantial frauds of the last three years. It is possible the court will order further indictments on the strength of the grand jury's representation.

A startling phase of the presentment is that large sums of money, according to the grand jury, have been passed in various bribe-giving and taking processes. Twenty-five former and present members of city councils were indicted by the grand jury today.

Immediately upon handing down the first 25 indictments the grand jury reported six additional true bills against former councilmen, making a total of 31 indictments.

CARRIERS' DAY.

Tomorrow being the last Saturday of the month, The Herald carriers will present bills for the month of March. Subscribers will kindly note the above and be ready for the box.

SCORE OF GIRLS BURN TO DEATH

GOOD FRIDAY MARKED BY A OCEAN TRAGEDY, BIG FIRE, MANY MURDERS SERIES OF BLOODY CRIMES

Chicago, Ill., March 25.—Good Friday was marked by an unusually large series of crimes and disasters. Fire in a furniture store in Chicago is thought to have taken a toll of 20 lives.

At Fairfield, Iowa, H. D. McDonald, of Chicago, shot and killed his bride of six weeks and then committed suicide. McDonald is believed to have been insane.

At Wabash, Ind., Verne Hartford fatally wounded his wife and his friend, J. Webb, with whom she was in love, and who had rebuffed her, then he walked to jail and gave himself up.

At New Orleans Alfred Mitchell, enraged because his wife went to the theater with her brother, taking the children with her, shot and fatally wounded her and seriously wounded his 12 year old son, 7 year old daughter, and killed himself.

At Chanute, Kansas, Joseph L. Roe, local agent of the Standard Oil, was brained with a heavy club by an unknown person.

A grim tragedy of the ocean was revealed by the discovery in the mid-Atlantic by the German steamer Schwarzefels of a big raft, wave swept and torn to fragments, a sailor's shirt fluttering from the broken mast.

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon 11 bodies had been recovered.

ARE CLERKS FOR HALF HOLIDAY

Union Labor Paper Says They Are Not Asking for Saturday Half Holiday.

SAYS IT IS PREPOSTEROUS

Will a Saturday half holiday during the summer be the best thing for El Paso? Do the merchants want it? Do the clerks want it? Do the laboring people want it? Will it benefit anybody?

These are questions that are asked every day, inasmuch as the women of the Missionary Union have taken up the question and have declared that the half holiday must come.

The El Paso Labor Advocate, edited and published by Henry M. Walker, for many years himself a clerk and for several years an organizer of clerks, takes a stand against the move. He declares that the clerks have not been consulted and do not favor the move. In his paper this week the official organ of the union of El Paso—

"The Saturday half holiday. Humph! Merchants asked to close their stores; sacrifice their best day of business in the week and tell their cash customers that their trade is not desired. That is what is meant in the proposed Saturday half holiday."

"The writer of this article was a clerk for seven years in a retail store in Texas. He traveled nine years on the road for organized labor, two years of that time was for the Retail Clerks' International Protective association, the only organization that ever accomplished anything towards bettering the conditions of work and wages for retail clerks. And during all his life he never heard of such a preposterous proposition as that of closing the stores at noon on Saturday, the best day in the week for the merchant and the logical trading day for the laboring man and his family; and that, too, in a city of less than 50,000, where a store can afford to ignore the trade of the working people."

"Again, after a careful canvass of El Paso retail clerks and merchants it is found that more than four-fifths of them are opposed to the Saturday half holiday. And, why not? It would lessen the business of the merchants, curtail the opportunity of the men and women of manual labor to do their purchasing and thereby a direct road affect the employees of the retail stores because that which affects the cash box of the store is bound to injure the interest of the employee, unless there is another manner of recuperation for the loss. In this case there is none. Better give the clerks a half holiday on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, during summer months."

"No, it is not the 'overworked clerk' that this movement is intended to benefit, but there is another motive behind the scene. It might be a 'trip to Cloudcroft.' It may look out innocently this year in a similar manner to that of last."

"If this movement was in the interest of the clerks of El Paso, then these same clerks would be taken into consultation as to the best means of procedure. If that was done, it would be found that four-fifths of the employees of El Paso's retail stores would say: 'Give us a half holiday on Thursday or Friday, when rest would benefit us, and when it will not injure the business of our employers.' By this scheme it would enable the clerk to render a more efficient day's service on Saturday. It would enable the merchants to accommodate their cash customers, and it would give ample opportunity to the laboring men and their wives to do their shopping at the time when they have the rest to pay."

COMPROMISE IN THE PATTERSON WILL CASE

The Patterson will case was compromised this afternoon.

The case was originally decided adversely to the contestants in the county court by Judge Elyar, after a jury had disagreed, and then the contestants appealed. The appeal had been called for trial in the district court, but the settlement this afternoon was by compromise, the contestants agreeing to accept

DROUGHT KILLING CATTLE

Texas Shippers Order Cars to Get Their Cattle to the Oklahoma Pastures.

BOTH ARIZONA AND MEXICO HIT, TOO

San Antonio, Tex., March 25.—Railroads operating out of San Antonio have orders for 4200 cars between now and April 10 to handle the greatest rush of cattle ever known from this section to Oklahoma pastures.

Drought and high prices of feed are causing ranchmen to move their cattle.

CATTLE STARVING ON THE RANGES

Conditions Reported Bad in Southern Arizona and Mexico.

Bisbee, Ariz., March 25.—Unless spring rains come to their relief, the ranchmen of southwestern Arizona and northern Mexico will suffer heavy losses on account of the cattle being on the verge of starvation. County supervisor G. J. McCabe stated that the grass is becoming scarcer and less nutritious and that he has seen hundreds of cattle so weak from lack of water and food that they could hardly stand.

Unless rain falls within a short time, said Mr. McCabe, "we will see a repetition of conditions which have wrought such havoc among the cattlemen of this section."

FIRE DESTROYS MINING MACHINERY

Loss At Pearce Mine in Arizona Is \$150,000—New Plant Burns.

Douglas, Ariz., March 25.—The fine plant erected to treat low grade gold ore at Pearce for the Commonwealth mine, at a cost of \$150,000, burned last night. It was only partially covered by insurance. It was under construction five months.

A test was made yesterday and it was found that it was an entire success. The mill was to start on a run tomorrow. The process was known as silted. The Gold Queen gold mine at Courtland was ready to ship this mill.

One hundred and fifty men were to have been put to work.

PREPARING TO SETTLE STRIKE

Enginemen and Managers Select Men to Arbitrate Wage Scale.

Chicago, Ill., March 25.—A committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen met today to select their arbitrator under the Erdman law, to take up the question of a wage increase with the western railroads.

The railroad managers are also expected to choose their arbitrator today, and the two thus selected, have five days in which to select a third arbitrator.

certain property of the Patterson estate in addition to that left in the will to Mrs. J. A. Happer and her children. Mrs. Happer is the only daughter of deceased, Mrs. Lydia Patterson, and she claimed that undue influence was used to induce her mother to sign a will which left the bulk of the property to Millard Patterson, the husband, step-

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VICTIMS IN A FURNITURE STORE

Unable to Escape From the Flames, They Are Roasted in Sight of Human Eyes.

COOPED HIGH IN AIR; NO ESCAPE

Pinned in on Floors Above the Raging Flames, Death Easily Claims Them.

Chicago, Ill., March 25.—Twenty-two lives were probably lost this morning in a fire which destroyed the L. Fish Furniture company's store at 1906-08 Wabash avenue.

It is known that many employees were on the fifth and sixth floors of the building and, while some may have escaped, it is believed all perished. It will be hours before the exact number of dead is ascertained.

According to Mr. Fish, the fire started when an employee went into the finishing department on the fourth floor to get alcohol for a cigar lighter. The electric spark of the lighter, according to Mr. Fish, started the fire, which quickly reached cans of benzine and explosions followed.

The financial loss is placed at \$300,000.

The spread of the flames throughout the upper floors was almost instantaneous and when the girls rushed to the stairways, they found their escape cut off. They turned to the front of the building, smashing windows. One or two jumped and were fatally injured.

The company also had the store on State street, separated by an alley from the Wabash avenue store. Those in the State street store could see the girls on the fifth and sixth floors of the burning structure rushing back and forth screaming for "help."

At times they clung to each other; then some disappeared with hair and clothing ablaze.

KILLED BY FRIEND.

Floresville, Tex., March 25.—Pablo Numas was shot and instantly killed here late yesterday afternoon by Nemencio de Lazerda, in the former's saloon. The Mexicans were preparing to go fishing when a quarrel arose and Lazerda fired two bullets into Numas's body.

HEARING IN WATER CASE IS BROUGHT TO AN END

Last Testimony Offered This Morning and Records Will Be Submitted as Soon as They Can Be Prepared—President Simmons on the Stand—Receiver J. M. Wyatt Says Morning Paper Refused to Look Over Books to Get Facts.

The hearing in chancery before former governor Sayers of the case of the city of El Paso against the International Water company, now pending in federal court, is at an end. The attorney in the four sided action introduced the last of their testimony and announced their conclusion at 10:20 this morning. At 10:30, the federal court room, where the hearing has been held, was deserted save by deputy clerk Oliver, who was collecting the numerous files, orders and entries in the action. The final adjournment was not taken.

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POPULATION INCREASES PRICE OF ANIMALS ALSO INCREASES MEAT SUPPLY DECREASES

Washington, D. C., March 25.—An increase of 12,000,000 in the population of the United States during the last 10 years and a decrease of about 5,000,000 in the number of available food animals is the estimate made by the bureau of statistics from the reports made by the census bureau and the department of agriculture.

Another lesson in the law of supply and demand deduced by the bureau is that the supply of food animals has gone down three percent, while the value has increased 22 percent.

Meanwhile the price of grains necessary to feed these animals has increased from 56 to 75 percent.

BUSINESS MEN WILL THREE STRONG CANDIDATES NAMED RUN FOR SCHOOL BOARD

A business administration of the school affairs of El Paso is promised. Three business men of the city will become candidates for the offices of school trustees at the forthcoming April election. One may be at present a member of the board—W. L. Gaines—and his term is one that expires this year. He has stood out against the extravagance of the present board and maybe, will stand

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